



**OBGMA 2012 LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT
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1. *Is the applicant a local public agency as defined in CWC 10701(a)? Please explain.*

Yes. The applicant for this Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) grant is the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA). The OBGMA is a local agency, a Special District of the State of California, as defined in CWC 10701(a), as “any city, county, district, agency, or other political subdivision of the state for the local performance of governmental or proprietary functions within limited boundaries.”

2. *What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?*

The statutory authority of the OBGMA is derived from its enabling legislation, The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency Act, which became law in 1991. The act was approved as a response to the needs and concerns of local water agencies, water users, and well owners of the Ojai Basin. The Agency was established in the fifth year of a drought, amidst concerns for potential Basin overdraft. The mission is in keeping with the history of the Basin and the circumstances existing when the Agency was formed. Since that time, although there have been some good water years and the Ojai Basin has continued to provide sufficient water for its well owners, competition for scarce water resources in Southern California and Ventura County is ever expanding, water resource planning is intensifying, and the importance of the OBGMA mission is even greater today.

3. *Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?*

Yes. The OBMGA has the necessary legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California, as cited in OBGMA Resolution No. 2012-3 (Attachment 1). The resolution authorizes the OBGMA to file an application for a Local Groundwater Assistance grant, designates the President of the OBGMA as the authorized representative to direct and prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, and file the application with the California Department of Water Resources and authorizes the OBGMA to execute an agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for a Local Groundwater Assistance grant.

4. *Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the project and tracking of funds.*

As the sole groundwater management agency in the Ojai Basin, the OBGMA has no legal agreements with other agencies specifically related to the proposed project. However, the OBGMA Board is comprised of member agencies as per its enabling legislature. As described in Resolution 2012-3 the OBGMA will enter into an agreement to receive Local Groundwater Assistance grant and will execute the agreement with the California Department of Water Resources. As such, the OBGMA has committed to the proposed scope, budget, and schedule within this Local Groundwater Assistance



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grant. The OBGMA will be solely responsible for ensuring work is performed consistent with the grant agreement, and providing project management.